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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1-33, 35 and 36 are pending. By this response, claims 1, 17 and 19 have been amended. Claims 14 and 27 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion, Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. Thus, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

It is to be understood that Applicant, by amending the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant responsive amendments.

REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 8, 13, 15-18, 30 and 33

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 8, 13, 15-18, 30 and 33 under et U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bhagavath (US005835125A, hereinafter "Bhagavath"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Independent claims 1 and 17 include limitations that the Examiner found to be allowable in corresponding dependent claims 14 and 27. Specifically, the limitations of claim 14 have been incorporated into claim 1, and the limitations of claim 27 have been incorporated into claim 17. The Examiner states in the office action that the prior art of record fails to show or fairly suggest extracting content from the IP packet downstream of the distributed network. The Examiner also states that the prior art of record fails to show or fairly suggest that each RTP payload is configured as read blocks for transcoding. Applicants have amended to include all the limitations including the limitations in the intervening claims, if applicable.

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As such, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 17 are not anticipated and fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and are patentable thereunder. Furthermore, claims 8, 13, 15-16, 18, 30 and 33 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1 and 17 and recite additional limitations thereof. As such and at least for the same reasons as discussed above, Applicants submit that these dependent claims are also not anticipated and fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and are patentable thereunder for at least the above reason. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Mimura et al. (US006557031B1, hereinafter "Mimura"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1 and 17 and recite additional limitations thereof. As such, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 are not obvious as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Mimura et al. and fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §103 and are patentable thereunder. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 3

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Mimura as applied to claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 above, and further in view of Zheng et al. (US006611522B1, hereinafter "Zheng"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 3 depends indirectly from independent claim 1 and recites additional limitations thereof. As such, claim 3 is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Bhagavath and Mimura in view of Zheng. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

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Claims 6 and 7

The Examiner has rejected claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Mimura as applied to claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 above, and further in view of Wahl (US005898456A, hereinafter "Wahl"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 6 and 7 depends indirectly from independent claim 1. As such, Applicants submit that claims 6 and 7 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Bhagavath in view of Mimura as applied to claims 2, 4, 5, 19, 28 and 29 above, and further in view of Wahl. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 23

The Examiner has rejected claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Zheng. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 23 depends directly from independent claim 17 and recites additional limitations thereof. As such, Applicants submit that claim 23 which is dependent directly from independent claim 17 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bhagavath in view of Zheng. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 21 and 22

The Examiner has rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagavath in view of Wahl. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 21 and 22 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 17 and recite additional limitations thereof. As such, Applicants submit that claims 21 and 22 which depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 17 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bhagavath in view of Wahl. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

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Claims 35 and 36

The Examiner has rejected claims 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagavath. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 35 and 36 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 and recite additional limitations thereof. As such, Applicants submit that claims 35 and 36 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bhagavath. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has objected to claims 9-12, 14, 20, 24-27, 31 and 32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter with respect to these claims. The limitations of claim 14 and any intervening claims have been included in independent claim 1, and the limitations of claim 27 and any intervening claims have been included in independent claim 17 as suggested by the Examiner. In view of the amendment and discussion set forth herein, Applicants believe base claims 1 and 17 (and all intervening claims) are in allowable form and, as such, the dependent claims 9-12, 20, 24-26, 31 and 32, as they stand, are therefore in allowable condition. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing objections to such claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants submit that all of the claims presently in the application are not anticipated, non-obvious and patentable under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall or Jasper Kwok at 732-530-9404 so that

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appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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